

GEORGE LEO BATTY AND HIS  
WIVES FRELIA MECHAM,  
HAZEL CURTIS AND PEARL  
WILLIE

George L. Batty was born in Wallsburg, Wasatch County, to Miles and Mary Mecham Batty December 1, 1871.

George helped his father a great deal and he sheared sheep, too. He was always very much interested in athletics and went to dances up until 1955.

He had a great sense of humor and never lost it.

He died at the age of 88, on March 28, 1960.

He married Frelia Mecham. Their children were: Mellie and May, Stella, George Franklin, Georgia Alberta, Wallace L., Lynn and Leo, John Vance.

Frelia died March 2, 1917. He later married Hazel Curtis. They had a son, Curtis LeRoy. Hazel died December 18, 1926. George then married Pearl Willie. She died on October 29, 1940.

George lived alone until about eight years ago, when his eyes failed, so the children took him into their homes and cared for him.

MILES BATTY AND  
MARY HENRIETTA MECHAM

Miles Batty, son of Joseph Batty and Nancy Barker, born March 2, 1832, at Ossett, Yorkshire, England. He died April 4, 1913. Married Mary Henrietta Mecham July 24, 1864, Salt Lake City, daughter of Ephraim Mecham and Polly Derby, Utah pioneers of 1852. She was born April 10, 1848, at Cainesville, Iowa, and died December 21, 1899, at Wallsburg, Utah.

Miles had heard the Mormon Elders preaching and was very interested. This in-

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terest caused bad feelings in his family. He was saving money out of his small wages to come to America. His mother found this while straightening his drawer and learned by questioning about his plans to go to America. His parents almost disowned him.

At 17 years of age he left by sail boat for America. In 1850 he came to Utah with the A. O. Smoot merchandising train, walking and driving an ox team. He lived with Parley P. Pratt after he arrived. His possessions were a pair of thin trousers, a calico shirt, an old straw hat and a pair of shoes. He was hired to tend cattle and sheep and after some time was discharged without any pay and his clothes were thread-bare.

Next he lived with a Rank family for years. During this time he learned the trade of masonry from a man named Romell. Also he became a first-class mechanic, a trade he followed much of his life. Later he lived with the Ephraim and Polly Mecham family, where he fell in love with and married their daughter, Mary Henriette.

He followed his trade of plastering. In 1883 he bought a farm in Wallsburg. In February, 1887, he took a contract to lath and plaster the officers' quarters being built in Ft. Duchesne. On February 6th, he and his sons, Miles M. and Ephraim A., left Wallsburg for Midway, where John, Arthur, Joe and Will Watkins, John Mantle and John Abplanalp with their teams and outfits joined them. They left on the 7th and got to McGuire's mill in Daniel Canyon the next day to the head of the canyon. From there on across Strawberry Valley. They had a terrible journey fighting five and six-foot drifts of snow. They had to pack their belongings on the horses and leave their wagons and sleighs behind and walk. There was little to eat, their clothes were wet and their hands and feet were frozen. Many more trials beset them. It took them 12 days to reach Ft. Duchesne. They only had food for five days. They finished lathing and plastering these quarters toward the end of May and went to Fort Bridger to plaster houses. When this work was finished they went by train to Park City and walked home from there. They had been gone six months.

In October 1888, Miles took a contract to plaster the soldiers' quarters at Fort Duchesne, also the hospital. He and Ephraim

Batty and Ephraim Haws did this job. As before, the weather was very stormy and cold and did much to hinder their work.

In 1907 his son Miles M. went on a mission to England and was called to preside over the branch at Halifax, Yorkshire, at the home town of his father. His father visited there, too, at this time, 60 years after he left. His niece, Eliza Thorpe, took him to his old home to see his youngest sister, Elizabeth, the only one left there. He visited many familiar places.

He resided in Wanship and Wallsburg, Utah.

Their children were: Miles Marquis, Ephraim Albert, Mary Elvira, George Leo, Charles Hugh, William Wallace, Celestia Vilate and Emma Alberta.

DANIEL BIGELOW AND  
WIVES PARMELIA MECHAM,  
EMELINE AUGUSTA  
STEVENS, CLARA OTTENSEN

Daniel Bigelow, son of Nahum Bigelow and Mary Gibbs, was born March 18, 1842, at Camp Creek, Mercer County, Ill. He came to Utah October 6, 1850, with the William Snow ox-team company.

He married Parmelia Mecham on July 23, 1865, at Silver Creek, Summit County, Utah. She was a daughter of Ephraim Mecham and Polly Derby of Nauvoo, Illinois, ox-team pioneers of 1852. She was born September 11, 1932.

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# CLINTON COALMAN BOREN AND POLLY ESTER MECHAM BOREN

Clinton Coalman Boren was born October 22, 1870, at Wallsburg, Utah, a son of William Jasper and Lucina Mecham Boren. He was one of 13 children. He married Polly Ester Mecham on December 5, 1895, in the Salt Lake Temple, traveling by horse and wagon for days to get there. He was a farmer and worked in a sawmill as a young boy. He also served as watermaster of Main Creek at Wallsburg for many years. He was active in LDS Church. In his earlier years he was superintendent of the Sunday School and worked in the MIA. He also served as a ward teacher. He held the office of High Priest. His hobbies were fishing and hunting. He was noted as a good fisherman and until a few years before his death he enjoyed this hobby. He also weighed beets at the old Wallsburg Station during the beet harvest. This is now covered by Deer Creek Reservoir. He lived all his life in Wallsburg.

Polly Esther Mecham Boren was born September 10, 1873. She was the daughter of Lewis Mecham and Esther Herbert Mecham, also one of 13 children. She was the

oldest daughter, and helped raise the younger children. As a girl, her time was spent between their home in Provo Canyon and the one in Wallsburg, where she helped cook for her brothers during the haying season. The farm in Provo Canyon was located where Upper Hoovers was at the time Deer Creek Reservoir was made. Indians frequently stopped at their home for food.

She was an active member of the LDS Church. She served as block teacher for the Relief Society for many years. She was also on the Missionary Committee and a genealogical worker. She was a good sewer and made several wedding dresses. Her hobbies were making quilts and rag rugs. She did beautiful crocheting. She was known for her good pies. Many people were helped by her services in time of illness, even though she had to travel over the muddy roads on horseback.

Clinton C. and Polly Boren first lived about a mile from town above the John Wall farm for about seven or eight years. They then built a two-room log home, and later on they added to it. This home was located southeast of the schoolhouse, and just east of the old fort. They were married for 10 years before having any children, then three were born to them. The first was a daughter, Esther Verle, born October 23; second, Lynn Jasper Boren, born January 19, 1909, and who died February 6, 1928, at the age of 19, of cerebral-spinal meningitis after a two-day illness; third born was Alta Boren, born January 7, 1915, and who married James Rudolph Long on June 25, 1936, at Wallsburg, by Bishop William J. Boyden.

They have eleven great-grandchildren: Craig, Dianne, Layne, Karen and Connie Micklesen, William (Billy), Colleen, Lavona Kay, James Alden Long, Lareen and Byron James Strong.

# WILLIAM JASPER BOREN SR. AND LUCINA MECHAM



William Jasper Boren Sr., son of Coleman Boren and Malinda Keller, was born at Peoria, Illinois, on December 30, 1837, and died May 16, 1900, at Wallsburg. He came to Utah in 1851 with his parents as pioneers, settling in Provo. His father was a wealthy

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man. They had plenty to start across the plains and helped many who were in need.

He married Lucina Mecham on July 3, 1859, at Provo, Utah. Later they were married by Jonathan Duke in the temple. She was the daughter of Moses Mecham and Elvira Derby, pioneers of 1850 with the ox-team company. She was born March 11, 1841, at Lee County, Iowa, and died June 12, 1925, at Provo. Both are buried at Wallsburg.

William was a Seventy and counselor to Presiding Elder William M. Wall of Wallsburg Ward. He was road supervisor and watermaster for 13 years. He served without pay and was a farmer and shingle-maker. He freighted between Fort Laramie and Salt Lake; was also school board member without pay. He was a veteran of the Blackhawk War.

In early life he was a cabinet maker and shoe cobbler. He was first counselor to William Wall and later worked in the Sunday School and MIA. Jasper bought the first surrey in Wallsburg and built many houses in Wallsburg.

Lucina remembers sitting on the Prophet Joseph Smith's lap many times when she was a child and saw the Prophet and his brother Hyrum after they were killed. She recalls how the dogs howled that night. She also made the long journey across the plains in the spring of 1853. They left the Missouri River with two wagons, one yoke of oxen, two unbroken yoke of steers and four cows. Her father had bought stolen oxen and the owner came and took them away, so they only had one wagon and the cows to come with. The Indians were on the warpath, but they were only stopped once by the Indians. The saints gave them food, although it lessened their supply but the Indians left. Buffalo were plentiful and at times the travelers would have to stop and let the herds pass. Three days from Salt Lake, her cousin, Daniel Mecham, met them with a load of food, for they were out of food.

She went to school whenever she could, for she wanted all the education she could get. Schooling wasn't so readily available then as now. They lived in Lehi and Provo.

Lucina learned to spin and weave and used Indigo for blue, cottonwood bark and mahogany bark to dye the yarn for a dress she wove and made for herself. She wove on shares also.

In the spring of 1864 they moved to

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Wallsburg, and endured many hardships. Lucina didn't like to see the children without an education, so she had them come to her home so she could teach them. She was the first school teacher in Wallsburg.

She made butter and put in salt brine. This Sister Brown took to Salt Lake and sold for her. Lucina would also make butter and haul to Provo to sell. She sold 200 pounds to a Midway man for \$70.

They had a terrible diphtheria epidemic, during which 23 children died in Wallsburg.

When Jasper became very ill with diabetes, Lucina tried ways to make a living for her family and finally decided to start a mercantile business, and did quite well selling produce to John Greer, later to E. H. Boley of American Fork, who was very helpful to her even though there was a glut on the market for these items. She bought groceries for what she sold, from Boley and sold in Wallsburg. Later she added dishes and granite ware, then shoes and Chipman got her to sell ladies and children's wear. She did well in her business.

In later years she studied music and was ward organist for six years, after she was 50 years old. She was midwife after her Aunt Polly Mecham died and delivered 503 babies besides all other nursing she did.

After her children were reared she felt free to spend time to do temple work, which she did until she was no longer able to. Her son Wilford completed a three-year mission to Germany and another son went on one. Lucina was president of the Primary.

William Jasper Sr. died May 16, 1900, at Wallsburg. She died June 21, 1925, at Provo. Both are buried at Wallsburg.

Their children: William Jasper, Jr., Samuel Leroy, Lucina Izora, Malinda Elvira, Moses Marques, Lorain Jane, Clinton C., Annie Marie, Alma L., Ida Viola, Sarah Minerva, Wilford Wells, and Polly May.



GEORGE JONATHAN DUKE  
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DUKE, GEORGE JONATHAN (son of Jonathan Oldham Duke and Sarah Thompson). Born May 25, 1858, Provo, Utah.

Married Sarah Temperance Meacham Oct. 26, 1881, at Provo (daughter of Lewis Meacham, born Sept. 4, 1814, Grafton county, N. H., and died March 22, 1895, Provo, Utah, and Lydia Wells, born Aug. 6, 1817, Onondaga county, N. Y., and died Oct. 20, 1890, at Provo; they later resided at Mercer, Pa.—pioneers Oct. 5, 1851). She was born May 3, 1863. Their children: Lydia b. Oct. 18, 1882, m. George M. Fuller; Sarah Emeline b. Nov. 18, 1883, m. Sidney T. Harding; George b. Feb. 25, 1885, m. Hilda Young; Albert b. Jan. 20, 1887, m. Fern Tanner; Lewis b. Dec. 18, 1888; Alice b. Sept. 27, 1890, m. Claud Carter; Orlando b. Dec. 22, 1891, died; Lenore b. Aug. 10, 1893; Matilda b. Sept. 29, 1895, died; Leila b. July 12, 1897; Florence b. Sept. 23, 1899; Thomas Alden b. March 16, 1901; Ralph b. Jan. 20, 1904, and Hilda b. Feb. 13, 1908, died. Family home Provo, Utah.

Farmer and ranchman.

ROBERT DUNDAS JR. AND  
MARY MECHAM GRAHAM



Robert Dundas Graham Jr. was born November 17, 1877, in Salt Lake City, son of Robert D. and Annie Hutchinson Graham. He married Mary Elvira Mecham. Robert helped his father chop oak and his mother to clear it away on their farm. He was a farmer and an excellent sheep and cattle man.

Mary was a kind, considerate wife and mother, and was very much devoted to her home and family. 1950 —